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Sir:

Submitted herewith for consideration by the Examiner are:

- 1) An English version of the International Preliminary Report on Patentability; and
- 2) An English version of the Written Opinion of the International Searching Authority.

Respectfully submitted,

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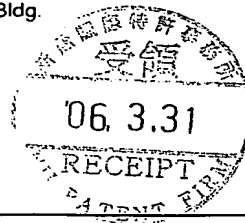
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Applicant MATSUSHITA ELECTRIC INDUSTRIAL CO., LTD. et al	

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INTERNATIONAL PRELIMINARY REPORT ON PATENTABILITY

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International Patent Classification (8th edition unless older edition indicated) See relevant information in Form PCT/ISA/237		
Applicant MATSUSHITA ELECTRIC INDUSTRIAL CO., LTD.		

1. This international preliminary report on patentability (Chapter I) is issued by the International Bureau on behalf of the International Searching Authority under Rule 44 *bis*.1(a).

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In the attached sheets, any reference to the written opinion of the International Searching Authority should be read as a reference to the international preliminary report on patentability (Chapter I) instead.

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1. This opinion contains indications relating to the following items:

- ☒ Box No. I Basis of the opinion
- ☐ Box No. II Priority
- ☐ Box No. III Non-establishment of opinion with regard to novelty, inventive step and industrial applicability
- ☐ Box No. IV Lack of unity of invention
- ☒ Box No. V Reasoned statement under Rule 43bis.1(a)(i) with regard to novelty, inventive step or industrial applicability; citations and explanations supporting such statement
- ☒ Box No. VI Certain documents cited
- ☐ Box No. VII Certain defects in the international application
- ☐ Box No. VIII Certain observations on the international application

2. FURTHER ACTION

If a demand for international preliminary examination is made, this opinion will be considered to be a written opinion of the International Preliminary Examining Authority ("IPEA") except that this does not apply where the applicant chooses an Authority other than this one to be the IPEA and the chosen IPEA has notified the International Bureau under Rule 66.1bis(b) that written opinions of this International Searching Authority will not be so considered.

If this opinion is, as provided above, considered to be a written opinion of the IPEA, the applicant is invited to submit to the IPEA a written reply together, where appropriate, with amendments, before the expiration of 3 months from the date of mailing of Form PCT/ISA/220 or before the expiration of 22 months from the priority date, whichever expires later.

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WRITTEN OPINION OF THE
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International application No.

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Box No. 1

Basis of this opinion

1. With regard to the language, this opinion has been established on the basis of the international application in the language in which it was filed, unless otherwise indicated under this item.
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Box No. V Reasoned statement under Rule 43bis.I(a)(ii) with regard to novelty, inventive step or industrial applicability; citations and explanations supporting such statement

1. Statement

Novelty (N)	Claims	1-15, 17, 19-24	YES
	Claims	16, 18	NO
Inventive step (IS)	Claims	1-15, 17, 19-24	YES
	Claims	16, 18	NO
Industrial applicability (IA)	Claims	1-24	YES
	Claims		NO

2. Citations and explanations:

Document 1: JP, 10-154162, A (AT&T Corp.), 9 June, 1998 (09.06.98), page 3, right column, line 44 to page 4, left column, line 24, & EP, 0833258, A2, & US, 5918237, A

Document 2: JP, 2001-237783, A (Sony Corp.), 31 August, 2001 (31.08.01), full text, all drawings, & EP, 1133170, A2, & US, 2001/0022003, A1

Document 3: JP, 11-112914, A (Seiko Epson Corp.), 23 April, 1999 (23.04.99), full text, all drawings (Family: none)

Document 4: JP, 10-207658, A (Seiko Epson Corp.), 7 August, 1998 (07.08.98), full text, all drawings (Family: none)

Document 5: JP, 11-316672, A (Ricoh Co., Ltd.), 16 November, 1999 (16.11.99), full text, all drawings (Family: none)

Document 6: JP, 5-216606, A (Xerox Corp.), 27 August, 1993 (27.08.93), full text, all drawings, & EP, 0529808, A2

Document 7: JP, 2002-169664, A (Fuji Xerox Co., Ltd.), 14 June, 2002 (14.06.02), full text, all drawings (Family: none)

Document 8: JP, 2002-169671, A (Fuji Xerox Co., Ltd.), 14 June, 2002 (14.06.02), full text, all drawings (Family: none)

Document 9: JP, 2003-50588, A (Pioneer Corp.), 21 February, 2003 (21.02.03), full text, all drawings, & EP, 1283487, A2, & US, 2003/0028539, A1

Document 10: JP, 11-32070, A (Sony Electronics, Inc.), 2 February, 1999 (02.02.99), full text, all drawings, & EP, 0875846, A2, & US, 6226672, B1

Claims 16 and 18

These claims do not appear to be novel in view of document 1 cited in the ISR. An apparatus in which URLs are specified as display instruction information for displaying information by means of, for example, a web browser is well known.

Claims 1-15, 17 and 19-24

None of the documents cited in the ISR describes a printer that receives the position information indicating the place where the printing instruction information expressing the content of printing instruction to the printer is stored, for thereby receiving the instruction to start the printing of printing data. This constitution is not considered to be obvious to a person skilled in the art either.

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Box No. VI Certain documents cited

1. Certain published documents (Rule 43bis.1 and 70.10)

Application No. Patent No.	Publication date (day/month/year)	Filing date (day/month/year)	Priority date (valid claim) (day/month/year)
JP 2003-296050 A [P, X]	17.10.2003	04.03.2002	31.01.2002

2. Non-written disclosures (Rule 43bis.1 and 70.9)

Kind of non-written disclosure	Date of non-written disclosure (day/month/year)	Date of written disclosure referring to non-written disclosure (day/month/year)
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